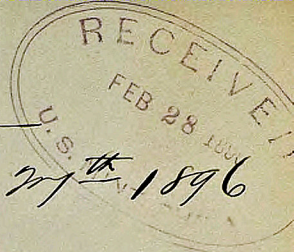


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Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 1896

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